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FM AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3137

UNCLAS ABIDJAN 3657

PASS EXIM BANK

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, IV

SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: MINING RAILROAD MAN-SAN PEDRO

REF: A. ABIDJAN 3403, B. STATE 095332, C. ABIDJAN 3614

1. SUBSEQUENT TO REFTEL C MINISTER GUI DIBO HAS BEEN IN CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY ON THE DECISION BETWEEN LOUIS BERGER/TRANSURB AND SOFRERAIL/BCEOM.
2. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT A DECISION WAS NOT REACHED AT PRESIDENT'S HOME AND THAT THE PROBLEM WILL BE PUT BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE COUNTRY FOR RESOLUTION.
3. CONFIRMING OUR SUSPICION THAT A RECENT HIGH LEVEL FRENCH VISITOR SUGGESTED THAT GOF FINANCING WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE RAILROAD, THE PRESIDENT HAS REQUESTED THAT BOTH PARTIES DEFINE MORE CLEARLY WHAT THEIR FINANCIAL PACKAGES ARE. THIS WILL REQUIRE THE PREPARATION OF A SEPARATE FINANCIAL PROPOSAL WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME FOR THE COST OF THE RAILROAD, NOT FOR THE FINANCING OF THE STUDY.

4. BELGIAN OFFICIALS ARE PREPARED TO

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EXAMINE STATE FINANCING FOR A PORTION OF

PROJECT DIRECTLY AND THROUGH FED. FRENCH  
MONEY MIGHT BE FED, FAC OR COFAS. THESE  
QRE QUESTIONS TO BE RESOLVED BETWEEN LOUIS  
BERGER AND TRANSURB.

5. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR ADVISES THAT POSS-  
IBILITY EXISTS THAT JOB COULD BE DIVIDED AMONG  
THE TWO CONSORTIA AND THAT THIS POSSES NO  
PROBLEM FOR BELGIAN INTERESTS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT CONTACT  
DR. LOUIS BERGERTO ADVISE OF ABOVE IF HE  
NOT ALREADY INFORMED BY ABIDJAN REP. INFORM  
EXIM BANK OF PENDING LOUIS BERGER REQUEST  
CONCERNING FINANCING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
A 350 KM MINING RAILROAD FROM SAN PEDRO TO  
MAN. SMITH

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